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towards first allotment and the balance quantity is allotted in the shape of North Indian coal towards the second allotment. If North Indian coal is not available, Singareni coal will be supplied.''

11-30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—'' Since we are not going to sit for another four days, I will ask the Hon. Ministers to give their answers to the subsequent questions, without allowing hon. Members to put supplementary questions.''

Number of handlooms working in South Arcot.

* 203 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government possess statistics showing—

(1) the number of handlooms working in South Arcot, Chittoor, Nellore and Chingleput districts;

(2) the number of such looms engaged in weaving cloth for export to overseas markets; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a decline in exports of the products of handlooms produced for overseas market and if so what steps the Government have taken to afford relief to those handloom weavers?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' (a) (1) The number of handlooms working in South Arcot, Chittoor, Nellore and Chingleput districts is as follows :—

Name of district.	Number of handlooms.
South Arcot	30,955
Chittoor	28,046
Nellore	29,098
Chingleput	48,059

'' (2) The exact number of looms engaged in weaving cloth for export to overseas markets is not available. But it can be said that a major portion of the looms in these districts is engaged in the production of such exportable varieties of goods.

'' (b) Yes, Sir. This Government and the Government of India are exploring the possibilities of expanding the overseas markets for these goods. This Government have also allowed larger supplies of yarn at cheaper rates to the producers of Madras Handkerchiefs in these districts which will enable them to sell their goods at cheaper and competitive rates. The Madras State Handloom Committee and some firms are also taking steps to open sales depots in West Africa to effect better sales of Madras Handkerchiefs in that country.''

Irrigation works in Atmakur taluk.

* 204 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount of money spent on the irrigation works in Atmakur taluk of Nellore district for the last 25 years?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Rs. 4,30,746 exclusive of expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department during the years 1926–27 to 1933–34 for which years figures are not available, the concerned records having been destroyed."

* 205 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, I would like this question be taken up after four days since it is a very important question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That may be the case. No, I cannot allow it. The Hon. Minister may give his answer."

Press Note No. 195, *dated* 11*th December* 1951, *regarding rights of people in zamindari forests.*

SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Press Note No. 195, dated 11th December 1951, issued by the Government regarding the privileges of the people in zamindari forests, is still in force to-day?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received notice of thirteen adjournment motions to discuss matters of public importance. Yesterday I received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of public importance and the subject-matter of the motion was the death of the Raja of Karvetnagar. The hon. Member wants the death of the Raja of Karvetnagar to be discussed here on an adjournment motion!

" The House is perhaps aware that hitherto I used to give my ruling in my Chamber itself, but since the hon. Leader of the Opposition asked me the other day to give my rulings in the House so that the new Members may know the reasons for ruling the motions out of order, I shall do so.

" As I have been receiving notices of a number of adjournment motions, I want to prescribe certain rules that should govern motions for adjournment of the business of the House.

" Firstly, the subject of an adjournment motion must relate to a definite matter. Hon. Members may ask what I mean by the term ' definite matter '. I mean that it should be a specific matter.

" Then, the subject-matter of an adjournment motion should not be couched in general terms, covering a number of cases and it should not also involve hypothetical circumstances.

" Again, it must relate to an urgent matter. Suppose, something happened a month ago and at that time there was no sitting of the House. Simply because at the time of the occurrence there